

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-13 and 22-25 were pending for examination, claims 1 and 23 being independent.

Claims 1 and 23 have been amended.

No claims have been added.

Claims 4 and 24 have been cancelled.

After this amendment, claims 1, 3, 5-13, 22, 23 and 25 are pending for examination, with claims 1 and 23 being independent.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1 and 23 have been amended to positively recite a “loading bay.”

Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. 112 is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

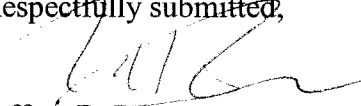
Claims 1 and 23 has been amended to recite “[a] compressor movable in a direction across the longitudinal axis” and “[a] plunger movable along the longitudinal axis.” U.S. Publ. Patent Appl. 2003/0233078 by Swick does not disclose two elements moveable in such manner. Accordingly, claim 1 and 23 are patentable for at least this reason.

Claims 3, 5-13, 22 and 25 depend from a respective one of claims 1 and 23 and are patentable for at least the same reasons.

Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 3, 5-13, 22, 23 and 25 is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is accompanied by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, the fee for which should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-1425, as well as any additional fees or credits for overpayment.

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